

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Present: Kathi Liberman, Carol Tedone, Grace Piencikowski, Gerri Roberts (Council Liaison), Jane-Helen Ross, Estelle Knurek, Donna Mattison, Kathy Bagley, Christine Taylor, Gerry Seklecki, Nancy Stilwell (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM.

Minutes: A motion to accept the January minutes was made by Jane Helen Ross and seconded by Gerry Seklecki. The minutes were approved.

Old Business:

The spring educational workshop to be held on May 7th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM is moving ahead. The workshop will feature Lynn McPhelimy who wrote In the Checklist of Life, a workbook for dealing with end of life issues and providing instructions for family members. Following the speaker, 3 break-out sessions on different topics will be available for participants:

- Personal History – recording life's major events
- Forms and Legalities – eldercare and advance directives
- Medical Decision – comfort and care planning..

New Business: Volunteer Recognition Night will be April 23rd at 7:00 PM. The Youth Advisory Board has a speaker and plans are moving ahead on schedule.

Reports:

- Council – The Town Council is preparing for the upcoming budget. Their goal is to come in with a 0% increase. They are in the final stages of selecting a new Town Manager.
- Wethersfield Housing Authority – Kathi Liberman reported that there is nothing new since last month.
- Clergy – no report
- AARP – Jane Helen Ross reported that AARP is doing better. They had a fund raiser and made \$227. They will buy a brick for the Keane Center and donate the remainder to another cause. They are still looking for a new president.
- Elderly Service – Chris Taylor reported on the many people applying for energy assistance. She talked about proposed cutbacks in the governor's budget on the following: ConnPace, homecare, and legal services. She mentioned that Project Homeshare will make a presentation to the Seniors Club on February 25th.
- WACPD – Chris Taylor reported that the annual meeting devoted to transportation issues will take place Wednesday, March 18th 7:00 PM at First Church Village – 117 Wells Rd.
- Seniors Club – Carol Tedone reported that there will be a corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 11th at 11:30 AM. Tickets are available.
- Social Services/Senior Center – Donna Mattison reported that there are a large number of educational programs planned between now and May. Details are

available in the Senior Center newsletter. The Safe Driving course will be offered in April and again in May.

- Nancy Stilwell provided an update on ITN which is getting ready to launch on a small scale before the full program is ready to operate. She also talked about pending cuts in the Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation in the governor's budget. This would have a significant impact on Wethersfield Dial-a-Ride subscribers who would no longer have Friday service or service to East Hartford, West Hartford, Farmington, Bloomfield or New Britain. She asked people to contact their legislators to try to maintain funding for the program.

Kathy Bagley reported that windows in the Community Center will be replaced in spring. She is trying to contact groups that use the facility so that work on the project will not interrupt meetings or other scheduled activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stilwell, Ph.D.
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